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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
Nakao)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
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For: FUNCTIONAL BEADS, METHOD FOR READING THE)
SAME AND BEAD-READING APPARATUS)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: